

# Lone Star Diplomat

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"I grew up in an unstable home. I endured an unstable marriage.  
And now I represent an unstable portion of the globe!"

## Trade In Your Old Hat

*Italy's a bore! After you pick up Tunis, you're stuck at four units for the rest of the game--if you are lucky.*

*I always pick France, since there is a better chance of winning, and anyway, who wants to lose?*

*Only a masochist would pick Austria as a first choice. With four potential enemies at the start, playing the Dual Monarchy means a quick, usually fatal game.*

Recent discussions of preference lists as a means of assigning starting positions in Diplomacy have actually amounted to explanations of the authors' own prejudices concerning the chances of winning with various countries.

Some say they will only choose a country that has a good statistical record of success. They shy away from the "losers". But there may be special rewards for choosing and playing the difficult positions.

Specialize in a specific power. One shot at playing Turkey may give you the unfortunate experience of a slow, boring game. It doesn't follow that all Sultans have the same experience. By giving Turkey another try or two, you can try different tactics, playing style, or find that perfect ally.

What some players might consider a German weakness--central position, adjacent to four potential enemies--the accomplished diplomat finds to be an advantage. As Germany you must negotiate with everyone on the board, and you therefore have a chance to affect the actions of the other players if you are a good diplomat.

The challenge of achieving an Italian victory stirs the blood of many players. Managing to defend the broad expanse of Russian territory requires a different approach than England's problem of fielding a flotilla with far-reaching strike capability.

In short, the true diplomat can make the most of even the worst geopolitical position, and will try to wear the turban with as much skill as the bowler or the beret.

## EYES UPON:



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INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN POWERS  
PONDER MERITS OF INTERDEPENDENCE

AUSTRIA: Len Blasiol; 2215 Adams St.;  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
ENGLAND: Joe Gallagher; 4766 Maverick Way;  
Boise, ID 83709  
FRANCE: James Meinel; 22440 Benson Rd. SE #G-13;  
Kent, WA 98031  
GERMANY: Don Scheifler; 23 Ponca;  
Kirkwood, MO 63122  
ITALY: Doug Tatsch; 3905B Maplewood;  
Austin, TX 78722  
RUSSIA: Jeff Albrecht; 2029 Cedar Breaks Dr.;  
Salt Lake City, UT 84118  
TURKEY: Cindy Seelke; 6023 Fontenelle;  
Houston, TX 77035

■ Spring orders are due Friday, 26 June 1981.

■ PRESS--

LE MONDE: "New 'Era of Peace' Among Nations,"  
States French President.

FRENCH PRESIDENT: I would like to welcome all of the European family to this new and progressive 20th Century. I am sure it will be more prosperous than the last.

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER: France hopes to work closely with all of her neighbors and strive for the mutual cooperation, productivity, and well-being of all.  
ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS: Let us all pray for the continued peace of the realm and of this blessed community of peoples; and also give the faithful, especially the Italians and Poles, our most sincere prayers to help His Holiness through his hour of distress."

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER: Yes. Let us prey.

ROME: His Holiness extends the warmest of greetings to all His fellow heads of state. Although the clouds of war hang heavy over Europe, the entire Italian nation hopes and prays for peace. Italy stands ready to meet any and all nations across the negotiating table, and the Pope--recovering rapidly from the recent cruel attempt on his life--expects to be a vigorous force behind the formation of Italian foreign policy. Italy looks forward to hearing from all the Great Powers of Europe. Good luck to all!



DEADLINE for all LSD games:

Friday, 26 June 1981

# ★ ROUNDUP

## of Texas & International News

**FLOOD TIMES.** Although we did not receive any flood damage on Beverly Road, our neighbors 5 blocks away were among the hardest hit by recent flash flooding here in Austin. Consequently, I have not spent much time working on this issue of LSD, since my labor was needed to help the survivors dig out the mud and begin over. Most of my time was devoted to setting up a flood lost-and-found and donation depot at the neighborhood school. The response was so overwhelming that we ran out of storage space after 4 days of operation (primarily due to donated items), and the flood victims will not be able to move back into their repaired homes for several weeks or months, depending on the extent of damages. Some won't return at all because their homes were totally destroyed, and two of our neighbors were drowned. It was called a 100-year flood, but it will probably happen again, much sooner, because of extensive development in the watershed, creating greater runoff and reducing the ability of the terrain to absorb large amounts of rainfall in a short period of time. For that reason we are lobbying the city to invest in some preventive measures and to purchase some properties adjacent to flood-prone waterways which could be incorporated into the city's greenbelt hike & bike trail system. Maybe next time Austin will be better prepared.



candidate  
Black Jack Masters

**1981 MASTERS POLL.** Actually, Jack Masters (pubber of BLACK FROG, plus a couple of spinoffs) calls it a Hobby Queen Poll, but we all know that Jack himself is destined to win it. Nominations will be accepted until July 1st, after which we can vote on the various candidates, out face it, with such broadbased support, can Masters fail to win? Nominated by the Overby clan in Jeri & Pam's FROM WOMEN ONLY subzine to Glenn's JIHAD!, and widely publicized in John Caruso's WHITESTONIA, Bruce Schneider's INVASION, among

**1981 LARZELERE POLL.** Take a couple of minutes to rank your five favorite dipzines and send your list on a postcard to Mark Larzelere; 522 W Grand River; Howell, MI 48843. (He publishes APALLING GREED.) A supplement to the Leeder Poll, the Larzelere will assign 5 points for each 1st-place ranking, 4 for 2nd, etc., and come up with a composite ranking of all the votes received. Publishers may not vote for their own zines. Deadline is 31 August.

**1981 LEEDER POLLS.** Only a few weeks remain for voting in the 5th Annual North American Zine & GM Polls. Deadline is 30 June for rating each zine, subzine, and GM from 0 (awful) to 10 (great), no fractions, and sending your evaluation to John Leeder; 121 19th Avenue, NE; Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N9 CANADA. Be sure to mention your connection with the hobby (subber, player, etc.) and please list the zines you are rating in alphabetical order to help John speed up the tally. (John publishes RUNESTONE.)

**1981 CONNER POLL.** Much better known as the Hobby Mascot Poll. So far, just about everyone is satisfied (or at least resigned) to the outcome of a dog's election to this lofty post. Everyone except Gary Coughlan, that is. He publishes EUROROPA EXPRESS and supports a silly fish for mascot, and He wants a runoff among the top vote-getters in the poll, which would include Caruso the LSD Cat. But his is a voice crying in the aquarium, er, uh, wilderness, since no other nominator has called for a runoff. Our own Bobby Stephens (80KG) at one time suggested a runoff, but dropped the idea when the Hobby Queen contest was announced. So Gary, your fish is out of luck. Try again next year!

**NAVEL CONTEMPLATION.** It's quite easy to tell that we have another fakezine on our hands. A good try, but anyone can see that NAVEL ORANGE, supposedly published by Jean Marie Corfield; 5327 Purington; Ft. Worth, TX 76112 is actually the work of Jane "PEEK" Proskin. But go along with the joke and send a couple of stamps to the Texas address and ask for a sample. It contains rules for a new variant, Bruxian Diplomacy, a plea for Corfield's Hobby Queen candidacy, and more BS, if you catch my drift.

**PBM CHUTES & LADDERS.** Yes, now's your chance to play in this exciting game in John Caruso's zine WHITESTONIA (160-02 43 Ave.; Flushing, NY 11358). One game is already underway, and GM Kathy Byrne (author of the notorious Kathy's Korner) has openings in one or two more. No doubt due to Kathy's contributions, John's zine is among the most improved during the last year and is definitely worth investing a couple of stamps for a sample copy.

**PLUGS.** The ranks of Canadian publishers grow a bit with the emergence of SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS, the effort of Dave Carter; 118 Horsham Ave.; Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 1Z9, CANADA. My only criticism is the sick joke about cats in his 2nd issue. Don't worry Dave, I didn't let Caruso read it. Send for a sample of this promising zine, but don't send US

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# Heart O' Texas Orphanage

Victory has a hundred  
fathers, but defeat is  
an orphan.

--Count Galeazzo Ciano



1979 HS

**Armadillo**

S 1907

7 LITTLE COUNTRIES, ONE'S IN A FIX,  
TURK LOSES CON, THEN THERE WERE 6

▣ The FGIR draw was defeated.

AUSTRIA (Mark Larzelere): A GRE s A Ser, A BUL s  
A Ser, A Ser s A Bul [dsl, ann].  
ENGLAND (Craig Williams): F Nth-EDI, F ENG-Bre.  
FRANCE (Larry Boudon!): A TUN-Mar, F WES &  
F LYO c A Tun-Mar, F MID-Bre, A Par-GAS  
A Pic-PAR.  
GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): A SWE-Nwy, F Den-NTH,  
F Bel-PIC, A Hol-BEL, A BUR-Mar, A MUN-Bur,  
A Kie-RUH.  
ITALY (John Koehler): A Ven-PIE, F Rom-TRH,  
A Bud-SER, A TRI s A Bud-Ser, A Apu-ALB,  
F ADR c A Apu-Alb.  
RUSSIA (John Daly): A RUM s Italian A Bud-Ser,  
A UKR s A Rum, F BLA-Bul(ec), F Ank-CON,  
A SMY s F Ank-Con, F Lpl-WAL, A Nwy-CLY,  
F NWG c A Nwy-Cly, A STP-Nwy.  
TURKEY (Bern Sampson): F Con s Austrian A Bul  
[dsl, ann, out?]

▣ COA: Larry Boudon; 567 Forest Lawn Dr.;  
Webster, NY 14580.

▣ PRESS--

LSD-LON: I'm sorry I overlooked some of your press  
last issue. I will reproduce it herewith. As I recall,  
I had asked you if you had addresses to everyone.

LON-LSD: Yes I do, but Germany seems to be the  
only nice guy to correspond yet.

LON SMY: I would help you, but it seems like I'm  
in my own hour of need myself.

LON-STP: Don't worry about us, we English can hold  
our heads above the water just as well as the Turks.

LON-BER: How's Sweden this time of year?

LONDON: King Edward VII (now in Ireland) has  
called to the English people to hold out against the  
Russian intruders on her shores. The King's son,  
George, Prince of Wales, has taken it upon himself to  
stay behind in London to organize the home guard.  
The King's brother, Arthur, Duke of Connaught, will  
also leave for Ireland with the rest of the royal  
household within the month.

BERLIN: The best wishes of the entire German nation  
go out to the Pope and the Italian people. All  
Germans are shocked and saddened by the assassina-  
tion attempt on his holiness, but are cheered by the  
Pope's imminent recovery. Germany is pleased that  
Italy has seen fit to join us in our war on France,  
and we look forward to working with our Italian  
brethren to smite the French.

RUSSIA-TURKEY: I'm not trying to push you out of  
the hobby, just out of Constantinople. Your defense  
of the city was valiant and thankfully, futile.

LSD-TURKEY: I'm not sure you are "technically in  
the game to the end of fall 1907 moves." Looks to me  
like you are gone. Only if Russia decides to move  
out of Con in the fall can you survive with a center  
to rebuild in. And now that I think of it, I see what  
you mean! Long Live Sultan X!!



1979 HT

**Bluebonnet**

F 1907

POPE SURVIVES TURK ATTACK;  
GRIDLOCK IN NORTHERN EUROPE

▣ Italy did not NMR last season, his orders were mis-  
placed: A ROM s A Ven, A Ven s A Rom [dsl, ret  
to Apu].

▣ Draw proposals failed.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): F NTH-Ska, F NWG h,  
F Mid-WES, F SPA(sc) s F Mid-Wes, F LYO-Trh,  
A NAF-Tun, A Mar-PIE, A Gas-MAR.  
GERMANY (Dick Martin): F NWY s French F Nth-Ska,  
A SWE s F Nwy, A DEN s A Swe-South Sirius  
[nso], F BAL-Pru, A BER-Sil, A MUN-Sil,  
A TYO-Boh.  
ITALY (Tony Auxier): A APU-Nap, A ROM s  
A Apu-Rom.  
RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): F RUM h, A STP-Nwy,  
F SKA s A Stp-Nwy, A LVN-Pru, A PRU-Ber,  
A SIL-Mun, A BOH s A Sil-Mun.  
TURKEY (Charles Cunningham): F VEN & F ADR h,  
F Aeg-ION, F NAP-Rom, F TRH s F Nap-Rom,  
F TUN s F Trh, A Ser-TRI, A Bul-SER,  
A Con-BUL.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART for winter 1907 adjustments:

F: Home, Iberia, England	8/even
G: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, Swe, Nwy	8/even
I: Rom, Ven	1/rem 1
R: Home, Rum, Bud, Vie	7/even
T: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Tun, Nap, VEN	10/add 1

▣ PRESS--

POPE ANTONIO-KING GERBIL: Thank you for the  
much needed clarification. I thought you were  
Austrian.

KING GERBIL-POPE ANTONIO: How about that, I see  
one season's press, and then you disappear. Whatsa  
matta, too much strain on the old tubes?

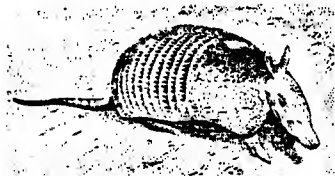
VATICAN-EUROPE: The Pope issued a Bull today de-  
claring it "the will of God" that all Europe concede to  
Italy. He urged all Heads of State to immediately ask  
their Italian Ambassadors for peace terms. Such a  
concession does have historic precedence. Rather  
than allow any one nation to gain pre-eminence in  
Europe, allow a smaller power rise to fill any vacuums,  
and maintain a balance of power that all nations can  
survive under. If Italy wins no one loses!!! If Italy  
does not win, some powers are doomed to utter de-  
struction. Save Italy to save yourself.

KING GERBIL-BEDAZZLED RUSSKIES: Pretty sharp  
maneuver there, huh? And you thought the Dallas  
Cowboys had perfected the "shotgun" offense!

KING GERBIL SPEAKS TO RUSSIAN F SKA: Let me  
try that again. Russian Dogs! Prepare to die!

LSD-KG: Didn't work that time either, hmm?

VATICAN-EUROPE: A Turkish spy known as Guido  
Sarducci was arrested in the vatican this week for im-  
personating a priest. He has formerly operated an  
underground communication network known as SNL.

Armadillo (*Dasypus Novemcinctus*)

## Armadillos Über Alles

*Thanks to John Doly,  
publisher of DOGS OF  
WAR, for shoring this  
article about LSD's 2nd  
favorite animal.*

Everybody loves a winner. But sometimes there is a surge of affection for a flat-out loser.

Like the armadillo.

Armadillos are slow afoot, a bit dim in the head and not at all cuddly. They mainly like to shuffle about in the night rooting up grubs, and to be left alone. And for years--eons, actually--nobody paid the inoffensive, armor-plated critters much mind.

They responded by not evolving at all from prehistoric times. And they were getting along just fine until--for no apparent good reason--Texans decided they were adorable. Now armadillos are paying the price of celebrity--crass publicity, commercial exploitation and personal endangerment from their fans.

"It's almost a cult," says Stuart Stone, a merchandising executive at [the Dallas department store] Sanger-Harris, which sells armadillo-emblazoned dominos (\$8.50), backgammon sets (\$16) and brass reproductions (\$18), along with armadillo stuffed toys, games and T-shirts.

"We got into this in a light-hearted way," says Mr. Stone, "but it's turned into a very serious thing." Serious for merchandisers, anyway; Sanger-Harris now sells armadillo figurines made in Sweden for \$85, and has some on order from Waterford in Ireland that a buyer estimates will sell for more than \$500.

For armadillos, though the fad is genuinely serious. Until recently, their most traumatic encounter with civilization was automobile headlights bearing down on them in the dead of night, and cars squashing them. "Their worst enemy is B.F. Goodrich," says Gary Joiner, an armadillo expert at Texas A&M.

Not any more. Now they are in growing demand, dead and alive, for things including armadillo races (one was held recently at Neiman-Marcus), stuffing by taxidermists (often in embarrassing poses such as flat on their scaly armadillo backs quaffing a beer), being made into hats, handbags, sewing baskets and planters, and for a variety of medical-research projects that usually prove fatal.

The publicity is unceasing. Geosource Inc. of Houston recently decided that four armadillos would be an ideal gift for the Peking Zoo. Lone Star Brewing Co. has a big print and tv-advertising campaign that portrays Lone Star beer trucks being overturned and sucked dry by giant armadillos.

Amid all the attention, its gets forgotten that some Texans long have disliked armadillos. Ranchers are an example; armadillo burrows trigger range-land erosion and give horses broken legs.

"I've been fighting the armadillo problem for years," says Mary Briggs, cruelty investigator for the SPCA in Dallas. The society gets a lot of calls from homeowners angry about armadillos digging up their lawns in search of grubs.

"They can destroy a lawn overnight," says Mrs. Briggs. "We got so many calls last summer, I could have spent all my time chasing armadillos." The SPCA

tries to remove the animals to isolated surroundings before irritated homeowners get violent.

The chasing, of course, has to be done at night, when armadillos are circulating. Mrs. Briggs says that the animals are too dumb to be caught by conventional means. "Everybody in Texas (who loves armadillos) will want to kill me for saying this," she says, "but you can't trap them because they are stupid and can't see or smell very well."

However, it is easy to grab an armadillo by the tail and tote it away for a number of pursuits in which armadillos would rather not take part, such as being raced or being eaten. Armadillos under pursuit would usually head for their burrows (whence they can be dug out), or roll up into a ball. Their only really clever escape tactic is that they can hold their breath for up to 10 minutes; so if there is a river handy, they can stroll away across the bottom (they can swim, too).

Armadillos are untrainable, according to Sam L. Lewis, head of the World Armadillo Breeding & Racing Association in San Angelo. So when they are caught to be run in races, they are released afterwards.

The animals totally lack the competitive instinct that makes for winners. So an armadillo race turns out to be more of a contest among the handlers than among the animals. The races are run in lanes bounded by chicken wire, and the handlers accompany the racers, hollering at them, jumping up and down, whispering in their ears, or blowing on their behinds. The latter is an effective but chancy tactic, since it sometimes causes the entrant to whirl around and dart off in the wrong direction.

Getting eaten is a more serious threat. Armadillos used to be popular fare during Depression days, when they were known as Hoover Hogs. Now it is becoming modish to include them in chili. Their savoriness is a matter of debate. Some say they taste like turkey or chicken.

Armadillos have some special attractions for medical researchers. One is that they are the only known mammal besides man that readily contracts leprosy. So researchers infect them in experiments designed to find a cure for human beings. There is no record of armadillos transmitting the disease to people, only the other way around.

The animals have another curious trait that puts them in demand for medical research into such things as birth defects and cloning. All of an armadillo's young develop from a single egg, which splits and splits again to create youngsters that are identical and therefore useful for research.

Given a choice, armadillos doubtless would go back to the good old days of being obscure and ignored. Alas, it is not to be. In the next few weeks, the Texas legislature may add yet another unwanted claim to fame; the solons will vote on whether to designate the armadillo as official state mammal, an honor now unassigned.



1980 IZ

Cactus

F 1903

# RUSSIAN MILITARY GROWTH SHOCKS EUROPEAN LEADERS--EVEN THE TSAR

▪ *Austria retreats F Gre-Alb.*

AUSTRIA (Steve Cartier): F Alb-TRI, F ADR-Ven.

ENGLAND (David Pierce): F Iri-LPL, F BEL-Eng,  
F ENG-Mid, F NTH-Hol.

FRANCE (Gregg Fritz): F Nat-MID, F BRE s  
F Nat-Mid, A Par-PIC, A BUR s A Par-Pic,  
A GAS s A Bur.

GERMANY (Charles Cunningham): A RUH-Bur,  
A MUN s A Ruh-Bur, A KIE-Ruh, A HOL-Bel,  
F DEN h.

ITALY (James Lawniczak): F Ion-TUN, F Nap-TRH,  
A Ven-PIE, A ROM-Ven, A Vie s A Tri [ds],  
ret to Boh, Tyo, or dsb], A Tri s A Vie  
[ds], ret to Tyo or dsb].

RUSSIA (Bob Sergeant): F RUM h, A SER s Austrian  
F Alb-Tri, A Gal-VIE, A BUD s A Gal-Vie,  
A Ukr-GAL, A FIN h, F NWY h, F SWE h.

TURKEY (Bern Sampson): F Con-AEG, F Aeg-EAS,  
A BUL s A Gre, A GRE s A Bul.

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART for winter 1903 adjustments:

A: Ser, Gre, TRI	1/remove 1
E: Home, Bel	4/even
F: Home, Spa, Por	5/even
G: Home, Den, Hol	5/even
I: Home, Tun, Tri, Vie	4/remove 2
R: Home, Swe, Nwy, Rum, Bud, SER, VIE	10/add 2
T: Home, Bul, GRE	5/add 1

▪ *PRESS--*

FRANCE-WORLD: Help! I can't stave off the Limeys and the Krauts forever. Any aid would be deeply appreciated. After all, think what it would be like without that fine French wine gracing your table.

TURKEY-FRANCE: If you're looking for a place to expand (and who isn't these days), look no further. Italy will soon be deeply involved in an eastern conflict, leaving his western flank highly vulnerable.

Care to join me in a little game of "pasta pasting"?  
TURKEY-ITALY: Some friend you are! At least now I know where I stand.

STP-ROM: Sorry, but everyone says the best alliances are between a land and a naval power. You seem to have chosen the same one I did.

STP-ANK: Please note.

GERMANY-EUROPE: I'll be out of town until June 21, at which time I can catch up on my correspondence.

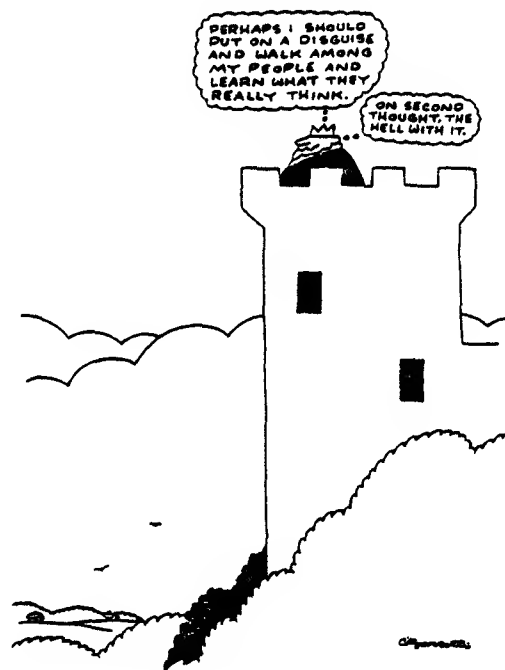
79HT KING GERBIL-80IZ TURKEY: Hey, haven't we met somewhere before?

79HT KING GERBIL-80IZ FRANCE: Believe me, a lack of communication can be as provoking as many a letter!

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## Armadillo

RADIO FREE CYPRUS: The renegade Turkish terrorist group, PPAPP (Presidium Preferring A Perforated Pope), has claimed responsibility for the recent assassination attempt on the Pope. According to a group spokesman, "This should slow down those imperialistic Wops in Rome. It's just dumb luck that the Polack was able to survive a close-range gut shot like that." The spokesman further hinted that the more terrorist attacks would occur "until the European



powers awoken to the threat that Italy poses to freedom on the continent."

MALTA: An underground organization has been formed on the islands which has taken the name of the Pro-Italian Maltese People (PIMP). Leaders of the group said they chose to organize after the slanderous attacks on the Vatican and the Italian Kingdom by certain "radical, anarchist groups. We want the people of Europe to know that there are people in Malta who love Italy, and PIMP is here to prove it!"

79HT KING GERBIL-79HS TURKEY: What can I say? I could say that I have as many units off the board as you have on, but that would be gloating. It

79HT KING GERBIL-79HS ENGLAND: Aw, come on, since when does being a little down on your luck mean you can't be greedy? It shows true greed when you get down to 2 centers and you tell your ally/master that you "really need those 3 builds this year"! Show a little ambition and you can go far. (By the way, I hear Con is a safe haven if you want to survive.)

## Bluebonnet

ROME-ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN: The King has offered the use of any and all available troops to drive the Ottoman Jerk, er, I mean Turk (well, you know what I mean) from his beloved Venice. The King would gladly give Venice to anyone interested.  
ROM-BER: Your plan has worked. Although there are rumors that Turkish forces are advancing, they are all lies. Their troops are falling back on all fronts. Our embassy is flooded with mail offering Turkish capitulations. Our reply was "Let them eat horse meat." We then discovered they do in fact eat dog food. Any suggestions as to a new response? P.S. Before you give 80IZ Turkey a build, please consider me.

ROM-ANK: Better to die than help you stab Russia. I intend to send Bob a copy of your proposals.

ROME-TURKISH PIGS IN VENICE: Prepare to die (there's a pasta famine).

TURKEY-EUROPE: I will be out of town until June 21. Sorry for the inconvenience, but I'll answer your letters as soon as I get back.



1980 KG

**Derrick**

S 1903

**TURKS SNEER AT ITALIAN INCURSION;  
ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE TAKES SHAPE**

- Last season's supply center chort did not show Germany's loss of Mun to France; the latter may therefore build one unit instead of the former.
- Winter 1902: Austria builds A Vie; England builds F Lpl & Lon; France builds A Par; Russia removes F Bot; Turkey builds A Ank.

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A Vie-GAL, A BUD s A Vie-Gal, A BUL h, A SER s A Bul, A TRI h, F Gre-AEG.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F STP h, F LPL-Nwg [imp], A Bel-HOL, F NTH s A Bel-Hol, F ENG h, A EDI h.

FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): A Pic-BEL, A Par-BUR, A MUN s A Par-Bur, A GAS h, F MID h, F BRE h.

GERMANY (Al Giddings): F Swe-DEN, A Hol-KIE, F BAL s A Hol-Kie, A Pru-BER, A SIL s A Pru-Ber.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): A VEN h, F Ion-GRE, A SYR-Smy, F EAS s A Syr-Smy.

RUSSIA (David Pierce): A Gal-Bud [ds], ret to Boh, Ukr, or dsb], A WAR-Gal, F SEV-Rum.

TURKEY (Mike Henry): F RUM-Bul, A CON s F Rum-Bul, A SMY s A Con, A ANK s A Smy.

- COA?: John Koehler; % Tugboat Inn; 100 Commercial St.; Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538.

- COA: Mark Luedi; see press.

- PRESS--

ROMA: The COA Bonstrictors have returned! This time forcing a retreat to 256 W. US Hwy 6; Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

ROMA-LSD: Is there any sort of record for the number of COA's in a game? I've got to undergo at least one more this summer.

LSD-ROMA: Of course there is a record. But what it is, I don't know. Anyone out there working on a Book of Diplomacy Records? Mark? Rod?

LSD-NED: I noticed this address on your orders--is is a permanent change?

VIE-WORLD: My apologies for not writing this month. My job has kept me very busy and I have not had any time to devote to diplomacy. I will do better next month.

FRANCE-TURKEY: By my count I've written you four

times, and the only correspondence I've received from you was a letter intended for England.

KAISER-TSAR: C'mon, let's kiss and make up. The vodka's on me.

NAF-TUNIZ: Zat Turkey pie makez for zome tough chewing. Why not try zome quiche?

PARIS: The French government finally revealed the daring plan which allowed its troops to slip into Munich undetected. The daring raid was based upon using conscription to find enough 93-100-year-old men. These men were pigmented a dark brownish-purple, and completely naked, they slipped across the border into the German vineyards disguised as raisins. Once across the border the actual taking of Munich was merely fait accompli.

PAR-BER: Mssr. Le President wishes to express his deepest sympathy for Frau Herr Doktor's teeth.

KAISER-MONSEWER FROG: I turn my back for one second and catch a dagger in the back! I think I can safely say that if you do not leave in the direction you came, you will be sorry. If the Fatherland is taking the deep six, we're dragging the frogs with us.

ENGLAND-LSD: Did you hear the one about the Okie who moved to Texas and raised the IQ of both states?

LSD-ENGLAND: Yes.

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Stay away from my SCs or I'll have my friend the Russian kick the hell out of ya. Don't get hot Jack--I'm only kidding! Just the same I hope you'll give me a break and let me redeem myself.

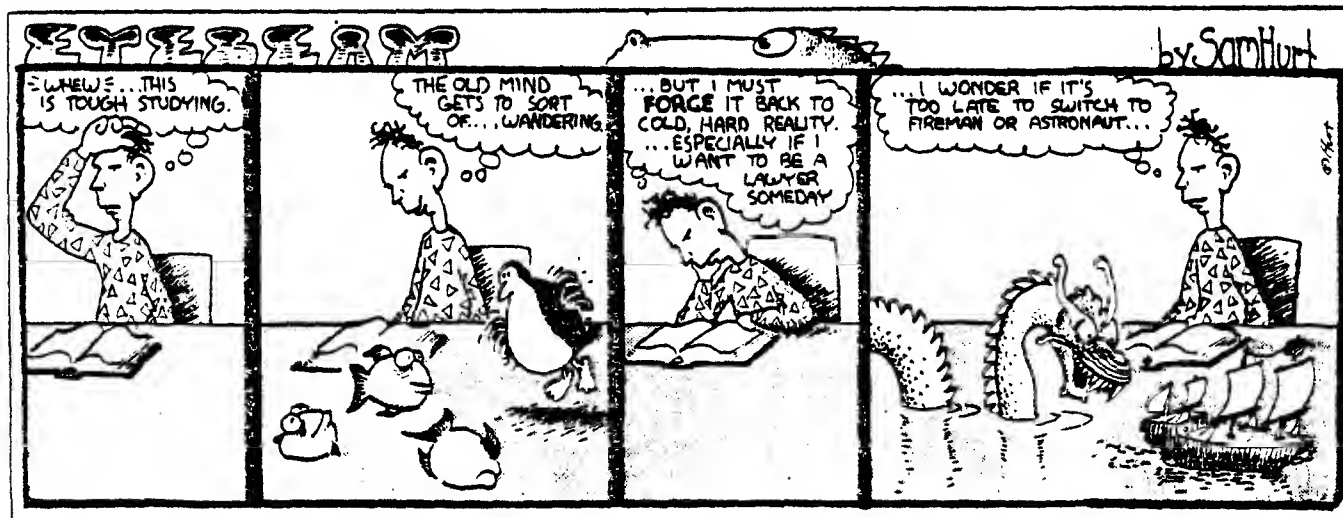
PAR-LON: One more time, eh?

PAR-LON: The French are wise to your deceit.

ZYRIA: Zeneral El Zappo waz zuprizd to learn zhat among hiz troopz iz a pack of Hazel Park Cub Zcoutz. Ze zcoutz, in a protezt of what zhey consider horrendouz conditionz, have taken over the army's latrinez. Ze Zeneral, in a zhow of affection for hiz valiant y young recruitz, awarded the zcoutz medalz for their ability to occupy ze fazilitiez for more than two min-utez. He intendz to uze the Cub Zcoutz to fight in ze zewerz of Zmyrna to fluzh out rezizting Turkizh troopz.

ITALY-AUSTRIA: Hello???

ROMA: Protesters crowded the streets of the capitol, calling for French withdrawal from Munich. Several skirmishes with police were reported, but no one was seriously hurt. One group of protesters expressed grave concern over whether the occupation would stop the export of the popular Bavarian Brew beer. \$After 3 days behind closed doors, the ministry voiced that Italy would make no official stand concerning the conflict. The Italian 2nd Army, alerted to move into the Tyrolean Alps, was ordered to stand by and await further developments.





1981 A **Enchanted Rock** F 1902R/A-H ALLIANCE TAKES MUN, CON;  
CHANGES AWAITED IN BRITISH GOVT.

▫ *England retreats F Nwy-Bar; Russia retreats A Arm-Syr.*

AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): A Boh-MUN, A Gal-VIE, A Ser-TRI, F ALB s A Ser-TRI, F Gre-AEG, A BUL s Russian F Bla-Con.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F Lon-ENG, F BAR h, F Hol s F Lon-Eng [nsu & imp!], A Bel s German A Mun-Bur [nsu, nsu & imp!], F NTH u, h, A Bel u, h [dsl, ret to Ruh or dsb].

FRANCE (William Owen): A Gas-BRE, A Bur-BEL, A PIC s A Bur-Bel, F Mid-NAT, F Bre-MID.

GERMANY (Thomas Hancock): A SIL-Mun, A PRU-Sil, A HOL s French A Bur-Bel, F BAL-Swe, A DEN s F Bal-Swe.

ITALY (Guy Hall): A TYO s Austrian A Boh-Mun, F Apu-ION, F Tun-WES, A Ven-PIE.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): A SYR-Smy, F Bla-CON, F RUM-Sev, F SWE s German F Bal-Den [nso], F Nwy s F Swe, A STP s F Nwy.

TURKEY (Mark Johnson): A ARM-Sev, A SMY-Ank, F Con-Ank [dsl, ann].

#### SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1902 adjustments:

A: Home, Ser, Bul, Gre, MUN	7/build 1
E: Home, Nwy	3/remove 1
F: Home, Por, Spa, BEL	6/build 1
G: Kie, Ber, Mun, Hol, Den	4/remove 1
I: Home, Tun	4/even
R: Home, Swe, Nwy, Rum, CON	8/build 2
T: Ank, Smy, Con	2/even [1 ann]

▫ *Jack Smith is resigning from this game. Will Dave Grabar; 1583 Truman Street; Chowchilla, California 93610 please assume the English position?*

▫ PRESS--

NEW ALAMO, REPUBLIC OF TEXAS: Today it was announced that a League of American States would be formed to keep peace in the western hemisphere. The Texan President said that wars in Europe, especially the Franco-English War, were creating conflicts in the New World. "Even now Quebec and the US are ready for war against English Canada!" he stated. Therefore the Republics of Texas, Mexico, California, and Deseret, plus the Convention of New England States [CONES?] have formed this peace league. The first action of the league was to send delegates to each European capital to plead for peace.

HOUSTON: A war correspondent from the Houston Chronical sent to cover Serbia in WWI returned today from the Gulag. The tale of how he came to be held by the Soviets after the war could fill many pages & will appear elsewhere. Despite heavy rains, he & his ship survived the trip from Vladivostok, with bodies of thousands of armadillos & fire ants aboard. The Texas government, upon learning its (unofficial) symbol was mistreated, immediately began to construct a combination wire-tap and time machine (enabling to Governor to fulfill his wishes of having things as they were years ago, and listening to others' private conversations) to be sent to the Hapsburg court to tap their phone & to carry 1000 leprous armadillos into the past to seek revenge on anti-Texan statements (found in the Encyclopaedia Britannica as an example of madness) and maltreatment of the war correspondent.

UDINE: A train bearing gifts for the Pope was stopped at this port-of-entry today when fire ants

were seen crawling among the cars. A few local animals were killed to feed the fire ants when they complained that no dinner was provided in their 2nd-class tickets, and that they were forbidden to eat the cargo by government decree.

DUBLIN: The Irish terrorists holding Parliament hostage continued to demand Freedom for Ireland and Belgium, while applauding the courage of Russia in liberating Norway and her people from the English.

PARIS: Open warfare has broken out between France and England. Bitter fighting in the channel and in Belgium has given no clear advantage to either side yet, but the strategic situation favors an eventual French victory. Peace can be restored by a prompt evacuation of the B.E.F. from Belgium, plus the demilitarization of the English Channel.

VENICE: The Pope blessed the masses and the 1st & 2nd Italian armies today when ex-Ambassador to the Hapsburg court announced the final signing of an Austro-Hungarian/Italian treaty of friendship (postage from Vienna to Rome is too much). It requires that Catholic countries unite under the direction of the emperor Fritz the "J" and liberate Catholics everywhere from the oppressive Protestants. The first province liberated is expected to be Munich, site of many pro-Catholic demonstrations and Prussian retaliations.

THE INTERNATIONAL AARDVARK NEWS AGENCY: Reliable sources have intimated that a grand Hungarian, Russian, Italian, and French alliance will soon occupy all of Germany. Vienna will be the capital of a new and greater German state.

ROM-BER: Sorry, I took the best there is as an ally.

PAR-BER: Your neutrality is appreciated, though your help would be even more welcome.

VEN, ION, & TYO: The Italian armed forces were today given special import glasses which enable them to see the friendly Hungarian secret armies and navies, so that cooperation between the green and invisible red armies of the Hungarian nation can be affected.

PAR-STP: The heroic people of Russia can count on France's support against the Irritable English.

SWITZERLAND: Representatives of Switzerland and the League of American States toured the Franco-German border today to dispel rumours of fighting, believed instigated by the British Government.

TUNIZ: A mysterious epidemic spread from the French Quarter to the main city today. The well-trained, ill-equipped Muslim doctors have designated it the Rubrik-Camus syndrome. It is carried by rat-like westerners who transmit, but do not suffer the effects of the disease. The infected Muslims begin speaking in tonguez and have delusions they are El Zappo, a famous Italian from another dimension.

TUNIZ: Disaster has struck as a new variety of the Rubrik-Camus syndrome has appeared. The new mutation only affects Italians who in addition to the other symptoms described above begin to suffer incurable paranoia, especially of red snakes. Will the well please help the II's? Write: Italyz/The Tunizian Consulate/& Lone Ztar Diplomat/Auztin, Texaz.

TUNIZ: The debilitated sufferers of the Rubrik-Camus syndrome would like to question LZD (or it that question on LZD?): How do letters A, F, G, P, & Q can be used to make .5 of a word or use .5 of a letter?

LZD-TUN: Whaaa?

ITALY-VIENNA: I do wish you would rise above this petty bickering about who promised what fidelity to whom. We must work from the present not the past, and attempt to solve our differences like the 19th century gentlemen we pretend to be.

★ Jim Keith

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## Friendship

F 1902


**TURKISH TROOPS REVISIT ARMENIA;  
FRANCE CRUMBLES IN TRIPLE ASSAULT**

- Don Scheifler did not NMR last season. His orders were misplaced. They are: A Gal-UKR, A SEV s F Rum, F RUM s A Sev, F Stp(nc)-BAR, F Swe-SKA, A MOS-Stp. The German A Den-SWE thus succeeds.

AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): A SER s Russian F Rum, F GRE-Bul(sc), A BUD-Tri, A VIE-Tri.

ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): F BRE h, F NTH-Den, A NWY h, F NWG s A Nwy.

FRANCE (Arturo Guajardo): A PAR-Bre, F GAS s A Par-Bre, A SPA takes a siesta [h].

GERMANY (George Cunningham): A PIC s English F Bre h, A BUR s Italian A Pie-Mar, F Hol-BEL, A Ruh-MUN, A SWE-Den.

ITALY (Paul Goodman): F Trh-LYO, F Wes-MID, A Pie-MAR, A Tyo-VEN.

RUSSIA (Don Scheifler): A Ukr-GAL, F RUM s Turkish A Ank-Bul [otm], A SEV s F Rum, A Mos-STP, F BAR s A Mos-Stp, F SKA-Nth.

TURKEY (Mike Drews): A Ank-ARM, F BLA-Rum, A BUL s F Bla-Rum, F AEG s A Bul.

**SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:**

A: Home, Ser, Gre	5/even
E: Home, Nwy, BRE	5/build 1
F: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa	2/rem 1 [played 1 short]
G: Home, Den, SWE, Hol, BEL	7/build 2
I: Home, Tun, MAR	5/build 1
R: Home, Rum, Swe	5/rem 1
T: Home, Bul	4/even

**■ PRESS--**

MADRID-ROMA: Pasta fizoli yourself! The only word I heard from you concerned the DOGS 1981J. And there was no acknowledgement of my communication. The sins of the French do not necessarily fall on my the successors.

NOR-SPA: Mind your own business.

NOR-ROM: What can I do to encourage your? May Spain prove an easy acquisition.

PAR-BER: This routine is getting boring. Didn't we see this before in the Franco-Prussian War at Sedan? I'd much rather see the "Miracle at the Marne" or the "Miracle of the NMaRne." Taxi!

GERMANY-FRANCE: Where is all that communication I heard about in the press. I hope we aren't negotiating by press now!

PAR-BER: Drive Friendly.

LON-ANK: I heard Sevastopol was great for a vacation this time of year.

SMYRNA TIMES: After several meetings in Liverpool and Constantinople, the Sultan and his advisors held a secret meeting to make a final decision on the King's proposal of an alliance to combat imperialistic Russia. It took the Sultan little time to decide to move into Russia. Many of the Sultan's advisors could be heard shouting "Death to the Russian scum!" The Sultan has also met in Vienna to improve relations with the Austrian government, but the outcome is yet unknown.

MADRID-LONDON: Seems our "alliance" is a bit one-sided. You were supposed to land the BEF in Flanders fields, not in Brest. Picardy would have been nice.

MADRID-BREST: The Lies of London Are Upon You.

LON-MOS: Have you ever heard of a southern strategy? Your diplomacy would make both the Tsar and Stalin roll over in their graves.

MOSCOW-ENGLISH PEASANTS: Howl and cry for help, from all of your cities! Be terrified, all of you! A cloud of dust is coming from the north. It is an army with no cowards in its ranks. [Isaiah 14:31].

BERLIN DAILY NEWS, CLASSIFIEDS: Wanted--one trustworthy ally, preferably one who can read and write. Leadership ability preferred but not essential.

PARIS-EUROPE: A friend in need is about to bleed! BRE-BER: Viel Dank!

MADRID-EUROPE: Due to the foul pollution caused by German tourists and motorists, the French government has removed itself to sunny Spain until further notice.



1981 P

## Gulf Coast

S 1902

**RUSSIAN NAVY VISITS TURKISH PORT;  
DUAL EMPIRE DOUBLY STABBED!!**

AUSTRIA (Robert Jewett): A Tri-VEN, A TYO s A Tri-Ven, A Bud-VIE, A Ser-TRI, F GRE s Turkish F Aeg-Ion [nso].

ENGLAND (John Mayes): F Nth-HEL, F Lon-NTH, F NWY s F Lon-Nth, A EDI h.

FRANCE (Luis Porteny): A Bel-RUH, A Par-BUR, A MAR s A Par-Bur, A Spa-GAS, F Por-SPA(sc), F Bre-MID.

GERMANY (Gary Van Wie): A Kie-DEN, A MUN-Bur, F Hol-BEL.

ITALY (Don Ditter): F NAP h, A Ven h [ds], ret to Pie, Tus, Rom, or dsb], A Tun-APU, F ION c A Tun-Apu.

RUSSIA (Garry Hamlin): F Bla-CON, A Rum-BUD, A GAL s A Rum-Bud, F Stp(sc)-BOT, F SWE s German A Kie-Den, A Mos-STP.

TURKEY (James Williams): F AEG-Gre, F Smy-EAS, A Bul-SER, A Con-BUL.

- Thanks to Jim Ridenour for submitting standby orders, though we didn't need to use them.

- COA: Garry Hamlin; 111 Varner Ct.; Midland, MI 48640.

**■ PRESS--**

ANK-VIE: I know, I know. I've been a bad boy. I don't know what came over me. Can we still be friends? I promise I'll be good from now on.

STP-VIE: Sorry, Robert. You had a strong ally, but you talked me out of it. Your timing and understanding of the rule book couldn't possibly be that bad. Either you were trying to snow me, or you need to read the rule book again. If you were sincere, I blew it, but there's no going back. I still think our plan would've worked. Too bad.

ANK-MOS: Last one to Rom is a rotten egg!

STP-ANK: I'm looking forward to that hot dish of chi' dislamesh and the dancing girls you promised. Take me to your harem.

ANK-ROM: What happened to those April Showers? It appears that those showers have turned into gale-storms, and the wind has shifted westward. Soon, a swirling tempest of yellow soldiers will be descending on you, and even a dozen carnations won't help save your soul.

CRAKOW COURIER: The Tsar has heard some of the "German jokes" that have been making the rounds in Polish alleys. Especially distasteful is one that goes, "How many Germans does it take to write orders for builds? Answer--Five: one to hold the pen and four to move the table." Anyone repeating such stories will find job security in Siberia. The Tsar, however, does urge the present German administration to get its house in order--before it falls on your head.



# The PUZZLER

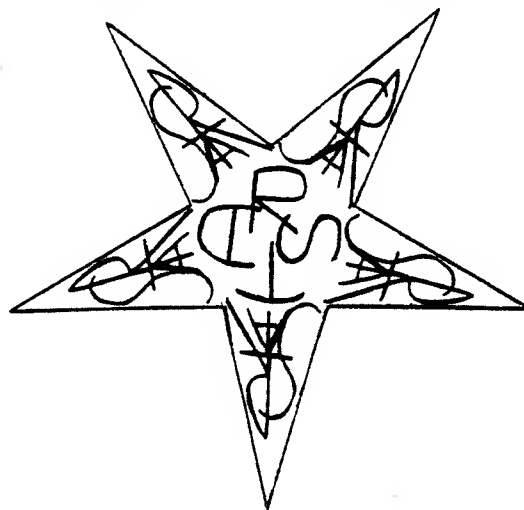
## MURDER MYSTERY

No one managed to come up the the correct "solution" to Garry Hamlin's detective problem last issue. It seems that the murder victim, Mary, was a goldfish.

## TINKER'S TEASER

A free issue of LSD to Don Tinker, who submitted this brainteaser:

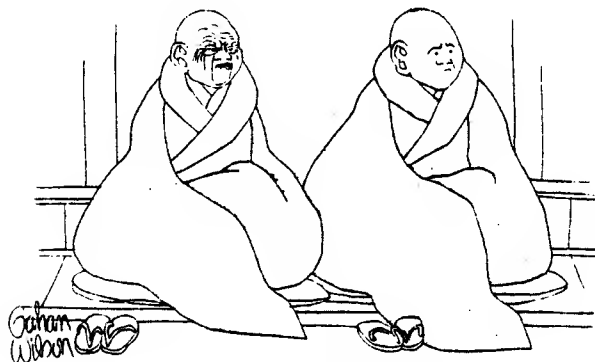
A man is found dead in his travel trailer. The trailer is locked from the inside. All evidence points to a suicide, but the presence of three white-ringed, wooden disks on the table beside the dead man led the detective investigating the case to think otherwise. What events led up to the death of the man and who was responsible?



## ROUNDUP continued from p.2

postage stamps. . . . Self-styled fanatic about print quality, Allen Wells can be proud of his new zine DOT HAPPY, which features typeset copy, maps with the game adjudications, and thoughtful articles, including one on the fine points of Tiddlywinks. Check it out by writing to Ailen K. Wells; 550 Memorial Dr. #2E3; Cambridge, MA 02139. . . . Formerly a local zine for multiplayer gamers in Austin, the GREAT WAR IN MODERN MEMORY has now gone national with openings in 15-day deadline games of Diplomacy, with other offerings available later, Guy & Libby Hail put it all together at 1103B Lorrain; Austin, TX 78703. An interesting feature of the HRs is prophetic retreats and builds, normally found only in European games. Find a flyer with GWMMs HRs and other notes in this issue of LSD.

**DALCON.** Because I lost so much time last week during the flood cleanup, I cannot afford to go to DALCON next weekend, but I hope to hear from LSD readers who did attend--anyone care to write a review?



"Nothing happens next. This is it."

## STAR OF THE MONTH:

Vern Schaller's original artwork earns him a free issue of LSD!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.** Glenn Overby celebrated his 1st anniversary as publisher of JIHAD with a 36-page edition of his fine zine. Besides containing plenty of good reading, it also features the first issue of FROM WOMEN ONLY, a "subxyn" pubbed by his mom and sister, Jeri and Pam. Be sure to send a couple of 18¢ stamps to 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park, MI 48030 & ask for a sample of this issue, especially if you are interested in good GMing of regular Diplomacy and variant multiplayer games.

**WINNERS' CIRCLE.** Hearty congratulations go to the winners of Diplomacy encounters published in the latest issue of EVERYTHING (#48). Now published by Bern Sampson, 123 Sixth St., Middlesex, NJ 08846, the zine carries statistics on gamestarts and finishes. In the winners' circle this issue are LSD readers Lee Kendter, Sr., Steve McLendon, John Caruso, Bob Sergeant, and Kathy Byrne (as Italy!!). It was also announced that Lee Kendter is ending his tenure as Boardman Number Custodian and Don Ditter is the new BNC. Congratulations and good luck, respectively, you guys!

**NMR INSURANCE.** I will call you collect if you are in danger of NMRing. You may refuse the charges and call me back. Albrecht, Boudon, Cunningham, Daly, Ditter, Fritz, Giddings, Hail, Hamlin, Henry, King, Koehler, Kuhn, Luedi, Martin, Mayes, Peacock, Pierce, Porteny, Reed, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stephens, Tatsch, Williams.

**STANDBYS.** Please let me know if you cannot be a standby for LSD games so I can bring this list up to date. Donaldson, Fritz, Fuß, Gallagher, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Kador, King, Langley, Larzelere, McLendon, McPherrren, Mills, Nichols, Olsen, Pierce, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stevens, Tatsch, Van Wie, Williams, and Woodson.

**MAILING LIST.** Add: David Manuel; 10318 Oakgate; Bellflower, CA 90706; and James Meinel; 22440 Benson Road SE #G-13; Kent, WA 98031.

81AU      **Horned Toad**      S 1901**I, A-H EVACUATE COMMON BORDER  
RUSSO-GERMAN RIFT REPORTED**

AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): F Tri-ALB, A Bud-SER,  
A VIE-Gal.  
ENGLAND (Allen King): F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH,  
A Lpl-EDI.  
FRANCE (James Woodson): F Bre-MID, A Par-BUR,  
A MAR s A Par-Bur.  
GERMANY (Bill Quinn): F Kie-DEN, A Mun-SIL,  
A Ber-KIE.  
ITALY (John Koehler): A Ven-PIE, A Rom-APU,  
F Nap-ION.  
RUSSIA (Rich Reed): F Stp-BOT, A Mos-STP,  
A WAR-Gal, F Sev-BLA.  
TURKEY (Richard Sowter): A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON,  
A SMY h.

▪ COA: *James S. Woodson; 5680 Dorothy Way;  
San Diego, CA 92115 (after 15 June).*

▪ PRESS--

MOS-CON: Please forgive me for my lack of faith in you on the very first move, but I had sudden misgivings at the thought of a Turkish fleet in the Black Sea. If it turns out that you are, in fact, honoring your promise to make Bla neutral, I will of course move my fleet out immediately.

CON: The Turkish government has been asked to support the rightful government of Bulgaria. In order to aid our Bulgarian neighbors in this time of strife we are sending a handful of military advisors to help keep the peace. There will be no escalation.

BER: Kaiser Willy inhaled deeply the fresh air. He held it in his lungs to savor the faint smell of gunpowder. Closing his eyes, the sound of gunfire and barking orders greeted his ears. "Ah Spring! Time for new beginnings!"

VIE-ALL CAPITALS: Kaiser Franz-Joseph Single Once Again! Divorce Stuns Monarchy! In an unprecedented move, the wife of our beloved Kaiser has asked for

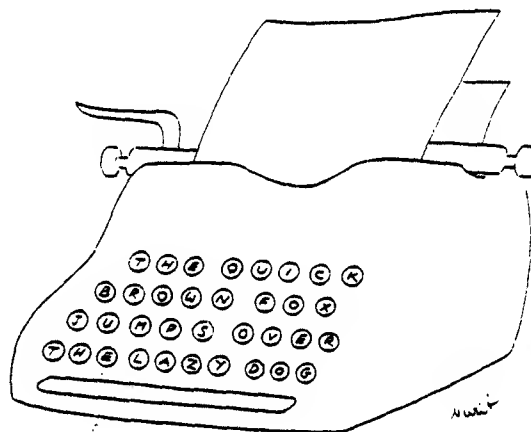
and been granted an historic divorce. After taking 1/2 of all the crown jewels, our ex-Empress was seen headed for America, where she plans to settle. The Kaiser has announced his imminent return to the social scene.

LON: Her Majesty announced this pm that due to questions involving fishing and mineral rights in the Norwegian Sea, the royal government of Norway has sought and received English help in defending these national assets against certain ambitious parties to the east and south.

OSLO: Crowds filled the streets, despite record low temperatures, when the foreign minister's meeting issued a joint communique announcing an end to the fishing and mineral rights disputes in northern Norway. Cries of "Long Live Victoria!" rang in the streets as citizens rejoiced in the news of English protection being imminent.

ROM: The Italian government announced today that due to disturbing events of the past few months, Italian armed forces would be more visible to possible enemies of the kingdom. Victor Emmanuel was heard to say, "Heck, everybody else is doing it. Why shouldn't we do it too!"

ROM-PAR: Why un-news?



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